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FROM : AFBMD LOSA CALIF

TO : COFS USAF WASH DC FOR AFDAT, INFO FOR AFABF MR MEYER

NR : WDZSS-9-6-E 222340Z SEP 59

Reference AFDAT Message 72762, 11 Sep 59, WDZSS 9-5-E interim reply 17 Sep 59 and ARPA msgs 964914, 4 Sep 59 and 965117, 9 Sep. This msg in 3 parts.

Part I. Request clarification of proposed recovery launch date in ARPA msg 965117. Believe CY 1961 was intended rather than FY 1961.

Part II. On 23 Jul 59 this division presented SAMOS FY 1960 financial plan to the Air Staff. Included in the presentation was the request that USAF consider funding $24.8 million to carry on the recovery portion of SAMOS program in view of ARPA deferral of funds for this effort. Total funds required in FY 60 is $168.5 million, ARPA had authorized $143.7 million. Results of USAF consideration of this request not known. ARPA now directs in referenced messages that a total of $148 million has been authorized for SAMOS in FY 60. Out of this amount the recovery portion must be conducted to the detriment of the readout portion. Such a change at this point is most uneconomical in view of our deep commitment to the early phases of the readout portion. Urgently request this division be advised of results of USAF consideration of funds request. If additional USAF funds for recovery effort are not forthcoming request guidance as to which portions of readout program can best afford reduced effort in light of SAMOS DX priority, intelligence requirements, and national objectives. Information required by 1 Oct 59 at which time development of long lead time items for recovery system must be initiated.

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Part III. It is the understanding of this division that on 16 Sep 59, ARPA revealed to the contractor the funds allocated to the recovery portion and that the SS/F portion of SAMOS was to be reduced. Ethics of these revelations is questioned. Such revelations before negotiation considerably weaken negotiating position.

NOTE : 964914 is AF IN 35987 (5 Sep 59).
965117 is AF IN 41509 (11 Sep 59).
9-5-E is AF IN 47213 (17 Sep 59).

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